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—It is said that the opposition in Chile is very much offended by the nomination of Dr. Pedro Montt as minister to Buenos Aires.

—A Santiago telegram of the 17th says the press association has nominated all the principal Argentine journalists as corresponding members. This ought to settle the homonymy dispute at once.

—Heavy rains and inundations are reported from Bolivia. In the province of Chuco the Pacarlambo river has inundated the country, destroying much property and causing the loss of several lives.

—A telegram from Quito says that Alfaro has been elected President of Ecuador. This was anticipated, of course. When a man seizes power by revolutionary means, he always manages to have his position properly legalized by an election.

—The problem of how to cure for its leper population is causing no slight anxiety in Colombia. The number of lepers in that country is variously estimated from 25,000 to 30,000, and it is increasing steadily. The departments of Santander, Tolima, and Boyaca have the greatest number, that of Panama the smallest. Recently a bill was under discussion in the Colombian congress providing for the isolation of the leper population, and setting apart the island of Coiba, near Panama, for that purpose. To this the people of Panama object, for the reason that, having the smallest number of lepers, those of other departments should not be transferred to them. Something must be done, however, as the disease is spreading with alarming rapidity.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—The alarmists at the River Plate are again manufacturing reports of yellow fever in Rio, and are asking for quarantine restrictions.

—A Buenos Aires telegram of the 14th says that Eugenio Luiggi has gone to Bahia Blanca where work on the Belgrano military port is to be initiated.

—There was a renewal of revolutionary rumors in Uruguay toward the end of last week. It is now said that the *blancos* have fixed upon the 22nd inst. as the date for invading Uruguay. It sounds strange that they should publish the date.

—It is stated that much distress exists in the province of Santa Fé in consequence of the loss of crops caused by the ravages of the locusts and an appeal is made to the national government for help. Antimony is lost sight of when money is wanted. The government proposes to give the Santa Fé colonists \$100,000 and those of Entre Rios \$200,000.—*Buenos Aires Herald.*

—During the year just ended there were registered in the city of Buenos Aires 28,819 births, 5,798 marriages, and 13,619 deaths. This is 2,600 more births, 307 more marriages, and 1,320 less deaths than were registered in 1896. The total revenue of the civil registry for 1896 was \$199,774, the most productive month being December, during which \$17,555 was received in fees. The month of June produced the greatest number of births, the month of December the most marriages and the month of January the most deaths.—*Times, Buenos Aires, Jan. 3.*

—Dame Fortune is notorious for her injustice and as regards the lottery she frequently justifies the imputation. Thus the last lottery, played on the 31st of December, she favored a rich banker of Rosario with the *grande*, and to let well enough alone she happened to entrust him with a full combination ticket so that he gained the three great prizes, one of \$50,000, another of \$20,000 and a third of \$10,000, or \$80,000 in all. Considering that there were about a hundred thousand poor people waiting for the prize, it was cruelly unkind for her to give it to the banker who has too much money already.—*Times, Buenos Aires.*

—The new year has begun badly with a recurrence of revolutionary rumors. These, as usual, mostly come from Buenos Aires and take the old form of active preparations for the long threatened "blanco" invasion. We do not think they are worth repeating in detail. There is little doubt, however, that the government is taking military precautions, or rather, continuing and extending these of last month, and it is said to have all the details of an elaborate campaign ready worked out. It is also said to be again resorting to the abominable practice of pressing, in the camp, although many of the unfortunate men pressed last month are still detained. For this practice no consequence can be too severe, and it can only be taken as a proof that the government is conscious of its own insecurity and unpopularity.—*Montevideo Times, Jan. 3.*

—The Italian cruiser *Plenio* arrived at Buenos Aires on the 17th inst.

—Complaints continue to be made of the imprisonment of Brazilians by Uruguayan military officials along the frontier.

—Julio de Castillos, governor of Rio Grande, has had the report denied that he is protecting the Uruguayan revolutionists.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 17th says that large troops of horses are going from Entre Rios into Brazil, where they are to serve for the projected invasion of Uruguay.

—The December receipts of the Montevideo custom-house amounted to 654,781.75, or a considerable decrease from the receipts of last year. For the whole country, comprising "estimated" receipts for points outside of Montevideo, the customs receipts last year were \$10,262,797, against \$11,624,265 in 1895.

—Our contemporaries continue to make alarming calculations as to the amount of the bill that the government will present on account of the revolution. Amongst other items there is said to be one for the title of \$8,500,000 from "Porteria and Co." for the supply of military uniforms and equipment. Porteria and Co. consists of Deputy Chaboudo Arceaga and other "friends" of the government. It is not altogether surprising then that the *Arceaga*, Sr. Arceaga's paper, should regard the past year as one of prosperity, and should express itself as so eminently satisfied with the situation. Possibly it would like another revolution every six months at the same price. As we have remarked before, it's all wild that blows nobody good. —*Montevideo Times.*

—The Argentine ss. *Tiempo* has completed the first of the five voyages with cattle to Rio for account of Messrs. Juan C. Lenguas & Co. of this city. During that voyage the steamer labored heavily on a moderately high sea, when the crew were on the point of abandoning her. On a report to that effect being made to the authorities they applied to the port authorities for the appointment of a survey. The naval surveyor and inspector of the *Tiempo* were told off to hold a survey and they report that the *Tiempo* is an iron steamer 35 years old, her hull from the water-line upwards is apparently in fair condition, the other portion of the hull requiring a thorough inspection in a dry-dock. The interior part of the hull is in a remarkable state of neglect, as no scraping or painting has taken place during the last two years. The rust on rivets, etc., has been covered over with lime-paint. The ventilation on the lower deck is good, not so in the hold, where live-stock should not be allowed. She possesses water tanks for 63 1/2 tons and can furthermore consume 4 tons per day. A number of the boiler tubes were found in a useless condition and an examination of the two boilers resulted in the discovery of the fact that one of them leaked under a pressure of 70 lbs., while 50 lbs. was the utmost pressure to which the second boiler could be tested with comparative safety. The surveyors came to the conclusion that the *Tiempo* is unworthy and that heavy repairs to the boilers, etc., are necessary prior to her being ordered to sea. The importer of cattle shipments is now taking up the matter and the probabilities are that the *Tiempo* will become a coal-hulk or floating depot.—*Times, Buenos Aires, Jan. 4.*

HAVE WE FREE SPEECH?

The incident which occurred in Avenida de Mayo has raised the question whether we may indulge in freedom of speech in our own country or whether we are bound so to control our views and their expressions as not to offend the excited susceptibilities of some foreign element residing amongst us. A considerable number of Argentines, for reasons which to them seemed good, met and formulated certain views of sympathy for the revolutionists of Cuba. This has not been satisfactory to certain Spanish residents here and this offense has been shown in a violent and unkindly manner. The question is whether we must consult foreigners before we venture on an opinion. We think not. We contend that we have a right to hold and express any opinion we may choose to form regarding any people and any war that may be found anywhere. It is not our duty to consult the feelings of those who hold different views, they having the same right as we claim for ourselves. The act of those who violated the peace and order of the city because Argentines sympathized with Cuba is as indefensible and should, once for all, be condemned in a manner that will leave it to be understood that no section of foreign or native element can suppress free speech and freedom of opinion. There was nothing said about Spain, but free Cuba was the subject of sympathy and this was right and should be defended at whatever cost. If we may not here favour free Cuba, or free any other place, what becomes of our right of thought and expression? We may as well meet this question now and here as anywhere else, and defend our rights as guaranteed by the constitution, and if there be any section of foreigners which cannot stand this they would do well to go home and leave the field to those who can abide a difference of opinion. We by no means hold the acts of the ruffians who shot a man because he shouted free Cuba as representative of decent Spaniards residing here, but of vulgar ruffians, however well dressed, but authorities should leave no doubt as to whether Argentines in their own country may or may not express an opinion as to the struggles of kindred people for freedom.—*Buenos Aires Herald.*

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FROM The New York Times, Dec. 6.

MODERN HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

"The tramp who is injured in the
streets of New York receives better care
and better surgical treatment than any
sovereign in Europe could have com-
manded twenty-five years ago."

So said an eminent physician to me a
few days ago; and, with my recollections
of germ-eaten Bellevue, (as it was when
I knew it), and of such slaughter-houses
as the old-time Park Hospital and the
later Chambers Street Hospital, I was
not prepared to accept the statement
with any great enthusiasm. But it was
a subject worth inquiring into; not so
much on behalf of the tramp, who is
proud against anything but sep, as in
the interest of any respectable citizen
who may be hurt in the streets, and
more particularly for the benefit of
such visiting strangers as may meet
with accident, with no friend or acquaint-
ance on the island, possibly, to whom
to look for help or sympathy. If in the
general change of affairs New York has
acquired such hospital methods as the
doctor's remark implied, it is worth
knowing.

To make such an inquiry it was ne-
cessary to take an imaginary injured
man at the place of the accident and
follow him through the police stage, the
ambulance stage, and the reception hos-
pital stage, and then stand by him
while he underwent repairs, while he
was put to bed, and when he afterward
walked out restored to health. That
was what I did.

The policeman came first: for a per-
son who is injured in the street is im-
mediately taken in charge by the police.
"Taken in charge" in one sense, but
not in the police sense. The officer is
there to give assistance, to keep back
the crowd, to carry or assist the injured
person to the nearest place of refuge.
The victim is under no restraint what-
ever. If he is able to walk away, he is
at liberty to do so. If he declines to go
to a hospital, neither the officer nor the
arriving ambulance surgeon has the
least authority or desire to compel him.

"Suppose that I were injured in the
street here in front of you," I asked a
very intelligent officer in Sixth Avenue,
"what would you do?"

"Help you or carry you into the near-
est drug store or hotel," he replied, "and
send for an ambulance."

"What ambulance?" I asked.

"From the hospital for this district,
which is the Flower Hospital," he an-
swered. "I should call up police head-
quarters on the telephone, and tell them
to send a Flower ambulance here. You
see, the city is divided into hospital
districts. From this district we send
injury cases to the Flower Hospital;
from another, to Bellevue, and from the
others, to the Presbyterian, Roosevelt,
St. Luke's, the New York, and so on."

"But suppose I did not care to go to
the Flower Hospital?" I asked. "I
might prefer some other."

"Well," he answered, "if you wanted
to go to the New York, for instance, I
would ask them to send a New York
ambulance. I couldn't ask them to send
an ambulance away down from St.
Luke's, you know."

"But I might object to going to any
hospital at all," I urged. "What would
you do in such a case?"

"Oh, well," he laughed, "if you were
strong enough to sit up and argue the
case, you would better send for a car-
riage and go wherever you liked."

Within a few minutes after the acci-
dent the ambulance arrives, with its
surgeon and its simple appliances for
stopping a flow of blood or easing pain.
It has the softest, easiest springs that
can be produced, and a comfortable
stretcher. The surgeon makes a hur-
ried examination, and does what he can
for the patient's comfort. If blood is
flowing, he stops it; if a limb is broken,
he puts it in an easy posture; if there is
great pain, he gives a little brandy or
perhaps a hypodermic injection of mor-
phine. The ambulance is nothing more
than a long wagon made comfortable
for the patient; and its surgeon's work

is merely to keep him alive and easy till
he reaches the hospital. The ambulance
stretcher is a great thing. It is carried
into the drug store to receive the pa-
tient, and he does not leave it till he is
in the surgical ward of the hospital.
Like the policeman in this case, it is a
thing of mercy, not an instrument of
restraint. He who objects to lying upon
it may sit up.

To learn of the hospital treatment I
selected St. Luke's, because as that is
the newest it may fairly be supposed to
have the very latest appliances. If Dr.
Wood, the house surgeon, is as obliging
to his patients as he was to me in show-
ing me everything I wished to see, they
are in good hands.

On the arrival of the ambulance at
St. Luke's the stretcher is lifted out,
but carrying it with its patient to the
elevator is a thing of the past. The
latest appliance is a bicycle carriage, or,
more properly, a double tricycle, with a
large wheel at each side and a small one
at each end, all with pneumatic tires.
This is so arranged that it is a complete
stretcher itself; or the ambulance stret-
cher may be laid on top of it. Smoothly
and noiselessly it is run upon the ele-
vator, and in a jiffy the patient is in
the operating rooms, at the top of the
building.

We went first into the operating room
proper, and saw its white marble floor
and white glazed brick walls. Every-
thing about it is snowy white, and
everything of marble, glazed bricks,
metal, or glass. They can turn the
hose on it and wash it from top to bot-
tom. In glass cases were the instru-
ments, all kept sterilized and ready for
instant use. Indeed, they were at the
moment preparing for an operation, and
four or five young men in long white
aprons were making things ready. The
instruments and the aprons and other
paraphernalia gave the room a formid-
able look, though every appliance was
for safety and comfort.

"These things are enough to frighten
the patient to death," I suggested, "if
he sees them."

"He does not see them," the doctor
answered. "He is taken first to the
etherizing room, and is brought here
unconscious."

We went next to the etherizing room,
where the patient about to be operated
upon half lay on one of the bicycle
stretchers, looking, I thought, very na-
tured. He had not yet taken the
ether, and as it was an operation for the
relief of hernia, he could have got up
even then and walked out if he had
chosen.

Does it make one's flesh creep to see
it? Let me ask the same question about
the dentist's forceps; and they give pain,
while these things are all for the pre-
vention of pain. When the ether is given
there are several doctors and nurses
in attendance. One doctor has his fin-
gers constantly on the patient's pulse,
and there is no guess-work. The man
goes quietly to sleep; and when he
awakes he is lying comfortably in bed,
and it is all over.

In the theatre, under the cupola,
where operations can be performed be-
fore medical classes, everything is of
brick, or marble, or iron. And from
there we went into the sterilizing room,
where they sterilize the towels and
aprons in steam chambers. Not a towel
or an apron is touched by hands that
have not first been sterilized also. Steam
kills any possible germs in the textile
fabrics, and for the hands weak solu-
tions of bichloride of mercury or car-
bolic acid are used. These things are
used also in washing the wound itself
and the instruments, and this consti-
tutes that great modern improvement
that we call antiseptic surgery.

"What is the greatest improvement
you have made in recent years, doctor?"
I asked.

"In very recent years, I think our
method of treating compound fractures,"
he replied. "Suppose that a man is run
over by a truck, and one leg completely
mashed, with bits of bone protruding
through the skin. Formerly amputa-
tion of the leg was the only relief for

such an injury. Now we are able to save the leg. We etherize the patient, open the wound and wash it out thoroughly with soap and water. There is nearly always dirt in a wound after a street accident. Then every bit of bone is put in place, the whole is sewn up and well bandaged, and with antiseptic treatment, the leg becomes sound again.

"If an injured patient is dirty, we wash him. If he is badly run down, weak, perhaps poorly nourished, we build him up with proper food, stimulants, and tonics."

"What does this treatment cost?" I asked.

"Nothing," he replied. "That is, the patient who can pay nothing receives exactly the same treatment as the man who can pay \$50 a week. We like to make some little charge when it can be done, so that the patient will not feel like a pauper. If he is richer, he can pay \$3 a week. If he is able, he can pay more. There are certain afternoons, when his friends can visit him, for, of course, we cannot have the wards always full of visitors. But in case his life is in immediate danger, we always send for his friends, and they can remain constantly with him."

This refers to the patients who go into the wards; but there are such things as private rooms in St. Luke's and in most of the hospitals. There have always been private rooms, of course, but the modern management of them is new to me; I imagine that it is not understood to most people.

For instance: I can go to St. Luke's, and for \$21 a week I can have a private room, with board, medicines, medical and surgical attendance, and a trained nurse constantly with me. There I am in a hotel, and can have anything I want. Not only can my friends visit me at any hour of the day or night, but they can be constantly with me. Indeed, they can rent the next room and live with me, as they could in any other hotel. Outside the hospital the nurse alone would cost me \$25 a week. Inside, I can pay more, if I desire a better room.

The impression left after making this investigation is that the person who is injured in the street falls into good hands, and receives at least as good care as he could receive anywhere in the world. Many of these appliances were not possible half a generation ago, when there were no telephones, no pneumatic tires, no sterilizing boilers. That the ambulance surgeons, house surgeons, and the rest are all young men is still true; and physicians say that these young men are better for that work than older ones. But the young men do not do the important work. The staff of every big hospital includes surgeons and physicians eminent in every department, who cannot live in the building; and for the important cases one of these men is instantly summoned by telephone.

The old-fashioned dread of a hospital still lingers in some good old-fashioned minds; but those minds may rest easy in New York, for here no man can be taken to a hospital against his will, except in cases of contagious disease. In your hotel, in your lodging house, you may be too ill to move, too poor to pay. "You must go to the hospital," your landlord may say; and then you can laugh at him, if you feel like laughing. The policeman he sends for will tell him that he cannot touch you. The ambulance surgeon will tell him the same thing. The whole police department, assisted by the entire ambulance corps, cannot take one poor, old sick man out of his unpaid-for room in this city unless he is willing to go.

WILLIAM DRYSDALE.

In Germany the official organs seem to be averse to the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. This might be expected. Arbitration will tend to do away with war, and in consequence there will be no need of standing armies. The military caste will therefore be obliged to seek other occupation. For the German kaiser this would be disastrous, as well as for his hosts of military parasites. The cause of arbitration will go on, however, in spite of his objections.

THE CANADIAN IMMIGRANTS.

The *European Mail* of December 23rd contains the following notes in regard to the French Canadian immigrants brought out to São Paulo some months ago:

"The Foreign Office is stated to have received communications from the British representatives in Brazil in regard to the condition of the French-Canadian emigrants who went to that country a few months ago. It appears that the Brazilian government itself is not responsible for the emigration, or for the promises that were held out, the agreements having been made on behalf of the government of the province of São Paulo with an Italian emigration society. It is reported that none of the promises made to the immigrants are being carried out. A considerable number of them are now in distress, and the outlook before the remainder is particularly dismal, especially in view of the approaching unhealthy season. Communications are said to be taking place with the Canadian government on the subject, and they are arranging for the return of the emigrants. Such a *contretemps* is unfortunate for the republic, as it will discourage emigrants of the best class."

One of these emigrants, who worked his way back to the Dominion, states that when they reached Santos they were huddled together in a barge like a lot of cattle and taken to São Paulo, their food consisting of a piece of dry bread and a little cheese. At São Paulo they were shoved into a barrack, where they were kept in confinement for eight days. They tried to get work but could not. The only employers that appeared were the owners of the coffee and sugar plantations, who wanted the Canadians to sign a contract to work for ten years, cutting down bush and cultivating the plants that would then be put in, and then at the end of that period the workers, if they survived, would receive for their hire one-half of the value of the plantation, which might turn out worthless. The houses they were to live in during this time were mere huts with no windows."

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Rio de Janeiro, October 19th, 1896**AN ARCTIC SUMMER HOTEL.**

I mentioned in my last article the hotel that had been erected on the little spot of land in Advent Bay, and, as a novelty, it may interest some readers to have a description of it. It is, of course, built entirely of wood, and is of the ordinary type of Norwegian chalets, with a spouted dragon on the gable in default of a signboard. The bedrooms are cosy little cabins, with portholes for windows, for, as there is no sun to let in during the dark months, and one's chief aim and object is to keep his rays out while the sun holds all-night sittings, the smaller the aperture the better. It only took about a fortnight to put up, and already, besides some of the members of Sir Martin Conway's expedition, it has several staying visitors.

An enthusiastic Norwegian sportsman had made it his headquarters, and there were also some English ladies patronizing it. Once a week the Norwegian company which put it up runs a mail boat, carrying passengers and letters; it has its own postoffice and its own stamps, which, however, only frank letters as far as Tromsø. Those who have stayed there report very favorably as to the comfort and food, and as the charge is only to *kniver* a day, it is by no means an extravagantly dear place to stay at. The Norwegian sportsmen referred to had very fair sport, having killed two polar bears, several reindeer and a walrus; but the walrus, though easy to shoot, is very difficult to secure. Unless he is shot in the throat—a wound which for some reason prevents him from diving—he disappears into the fathomless depths when mortally wounded. For the ornithologist, Advent Bay presents many attractions, and at present the birds are by no means shy; what the result of constant incursions of trappers may be is another question.The scenery all around us was very grand, but the hotel, flaunting its Norwegian flag—Spitzbergen, though claimed by Russia and Norway, is really no man's land—almost forbade the belief that we were actually in the region of the pole; yet we were then a good deal north of the spot where Franklin and his gallant crew died. The name of the most conspicuous mountain in view, towering over a gigantic glacier—Dead Man's Bar—savored enough of romance and adventure to cancel, at least in part, that incongruous effect of the neat little inn, with its postoffice, and even the empty champagne bottle which betrayed the picnic and trapper. There is coal, by the way, in the neighborhood, and one of the party secured a specimen of a ligneous-looking character, and peat there must be in abundance, for the promontory was of a very Irish bog-like description.—*Spitzbergen* correspondent of the London Telegraph.

From The States, London Dec. 26

BRAZILIAN RAILWAYS

There is an impression among holders of Brazilian railway stocks and bonds that they have not merely the guarantee of the Brazilian government, but also the security of their railroads. As a matter of fact holders of Brazilian guaranteed railway securities have merely the government to rely upon, for in the majority of instances their lines do not cover working expenditure, and in the others the margin of profit, after paying working expenses, is so small that the companies could pay practically no interest or dividends were it not for the government guarantee. Hence, as they are now worked, the position of holders of Brazilian railway stocks and bonds is secure or insecure, according as the financial position of the Brazilian government is strong or weak. At the end of 1894 Dr. Moraes became President of Brazil. As he was known to have a high character, it was hoped that he would succeed in bringing about a great improvement in the political and financial position of the country, that he would, in fact, effect peace in Rio Grande, would make economies, and would stay the deluge of paper money which had brought exchange down to under 100. The hope that was engendered by President Moraes' ascension to power has unfortunately been disappointed. Rio Grande has, it is true, been pacified, but the financial position of the country has been steadily growing worse. In consequence of illness, President Moraes, in whom confidence was felt, has now been obliged to retire, and the Vice-President, Dr. Pereira, has succeeded to power. Considering that President Moraes was unable to effect reforms, it is not thought probable that the new President will be more successful; indeed, it is feared that the country's financial position may become steadily worse.

In November 1891, prior to Dr. Moraes' accession, exchange had never been under 90, and immediately after the election recovered to over 10. This year exchange fell at one time to about 7 1/2 d., which contrasts with rates ranging between 22d. and 27 1/2 d. in the years immediately preceding the revolution of 1889. This great fall in exchange has been chiefly due to the enormous increase in the note circulation, and to continued heavy borrowings by the government. Reforms are talked of, but nothing is done to make them effective. Loans are issued to redeem the paper currency, but the notes are never cancelled. All branches of the government departments have been filled by those who supported the revolution, and salaries are paid for merely nominal services. As a result of this policy and of the chronic deficiencies of the exchequer, the railways belonging to the government have been permitted to fall into ruin, rendering day to day travelling extremely hazardous, while travelling at night is not to be thought of. Shareholders in a well-known Brazilian mining company know to their cost the condition of the railways, which has so seriously retarded the development of their property. As special importance attaches at the present moment to the condition of the Central railway, which is being disposed of by the Brazilian government, we give the following remarkable extracts from the last reports of the mining company in question—

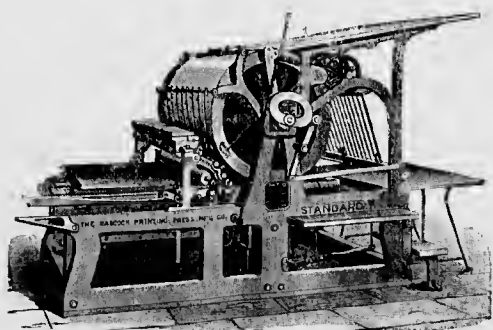
"The work throughout the year has been most seriously hindered by the deplorable condition of the Central railway. Some two years ago it was thought that it had degenerated into the lowest possible state in which it could work, but since then it has been gradually declining, till we at length arrive at a point when shippages are frequent, and, when it does work, it is dangerous to both life and property. There is probably not another commercial enterprise in Brazil of such vital importance to the country as this trunk railway; yet, in the condition it has been of late, a good bullock-car road would compare favourably with it from a useful point of view. In his last report the mining manager referred to states that 'Accidents on the line have been of daily occurrence, and travelling thereby is consequently dangerous, as the line itself is in a most deplorable condition, and the rolling stock likewise.' And what is true of the railway service is also true of every other department of the government. The officials in Brazil appear to be of the opinion that the government is for the purpose of finding them employment, and that they need do nothing for their pay. Such a condition of affairs cannot last long without disaster, and it is therefore absolutely essential that those railway companies which rely upon the Brazilian government for the payment of their guarantees and interest should, as far as possible, take precautionary measures with regard to the future."

The sale of the Central railway, whose condition is now so deplorable, to a European syndicate, would be a good thing for Brazil, for with one of the principal railways so badly administered that it is dangerous to entrust it with the transmission of goods, the material prosperity of the country greatly suffers. At the same time, the object of the Brazilian government in disposing of the line is not so much to improve the public service as to obtain immediate cash. Further, the sale of the line will not materially reduce the outlays of the government, which has promised to find employment for a very large number of the officials of the company, who are certain to be dismissed as soon as a private company acquires the property. Are the directors of English companies owning Brazilian railways alive to this position? And if they are, are they taking precautions against the possibility that some day guarantees may not be forthcoming in order that the railways may not default on their interest payments? or, further, that the lines which do not earn their expenditure should not have to abandon their

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properties? The Brazilian railway companies owned in England have, so far, not suffered from the present deplorable position of the country; their guarantees, notwithstanding the low rate to which exchange has fallen, have been regularly met, and, in the case of companies having no guarantee, they have been given the power to raise their tariffs to an extent which has compensated them for their loss by exchange. But are the directors certain that these payments will indefinitely continue? We trust and hope that Brazil will awaken to a sense of her position and reform her finances, but at present the prospects are not hopeful. Consequently it is essential that the railway directors should endeavor to increase the earnings of their companies to the utmost possible extent in order that loss in their bond and shareholders shall be reduced to a minimum should the Brazilian government at any time find itself unable to meet its guarantees. And while we wish to warn directors of Brazilian railways as to the danger of being unprepared for possible contingencies, we would also urge share and debenture holders of Brazilian railway companies to insist upon their directors taking every measure for increasing the earnings of the properties, and as far as possible making them self-supporting. With the exception of the San Paulo and the Rio Claro São Paulo, none of the Brazilian railways, as indicated by their last reports, much more than earn their expenditure, while many of them even fail to do that. The reports of some of the companies in this matter are misleading. They calculate exchange at 27d. per milreis, and thus show very much larger net earnings than they actually obtain. But exchange has recently been under 24d., and is still only about 24d., with the prospect, sooner or later, that it will again sink to its previously low level when the money obtained by the sale of the railway has been expended in the same way as the proceeds of previous loans.

Next week we propose to deal with the position of each of the 13 guaranteed lines.

TESTIMONIAL.

The undersigned, who have had the pleasure of travelling to Europe on the R. M. S. S. *Clyde* for the first time since that vessel has been entrusted to the command of Captain Powles, wish to take this opportunity of expressing their warm gratitude to that officer for the cordial manner in which he has endeavored in every way to meet their wishes and for the constant attention which he has shown to their comfort during the voyage home.

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December, 1896.

It is reported that a party of explorers in Venezuela has just discovered what must rank as one of the greatest waterfalls of the world. The explorers were following the route of a river when they found it burst gloriously through an almost perpendicular cliff, which is estimated to be 1,500 feet in height, break into half a dozen different streams, which divide and subdivide, spread out into broad, fanlike expansions, and twist about in such a curious corkerous fashion that the water at the bottom of the falls flows exactly the opposite direction from the course it holds where it first comes into view. By clinging to bushes and going up the giant creeper hand over hand, these men climbed up the cliff until the shroud indicated an elevation of more than 200 feet. It was impossible to reach the top and learn how much higher the falls are, but it is believed they are about 1,500 feet. —*European Mail*.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, JANUARY 19th, 1897.

WE thought it best to protest, a few days ago, against the practice of holding suspected letters in the postoffice and compelling addressees to come there in person to open them in presence of an official to determine whether they contain money. The letter in question contained nothing but manuscript for publication, nor was there anything in its appearance to indicate that it might contain bank notes. It was a thick letter, however, and it was registered; if it should contain money, it would be a lucky day for the clerk who denounced it—so it was held. A few days before another letter containing an *encomenda* receipt was similarly held, and with the result that a parcel at the railway station was delayed some three or four days without any cause whatever. We complained of the abuse of retaining letters on such trifling suspicions, and of compelling busy men to run down to the postoffice at the whim of the irresponsible junior employees of that department. In reply it was admitted that it is an abuse, and that frequent complaints are made against it. But it is permitted by the *regulamento*, and as the clerk gets one half of the fine, there is no way to stop it. The banks and prominent business houses are all subjected to the requirement, and they have not only complained, but have even carried their complaints to the minister. Thus far, however, every protest has been in vain. Considerable sums of money are found in the mails, which are not properly registered, and the clerks are constantly on the lookout for it. Under such circumstances we presume that there is no alternative for the humiliating position now occupied by business men in regard to suspected correspondence. They are suspected of dance attendance at the postoffice and open their letters for inspection, at the wish of any clerk in the department, no matter how mean and ignorant he may be. They know that their letters are subjected to all kinds of inspection for the purpose of discovering what is inside, and if this spying develops something suspicious, or if the miserable spy even imagines that money or cheques are inside, they are held and the addressees must come and open them. It is a shameful outrage! It turns the public employee into a spy, it humiliates the citizen, and it makes the official arrogant and inquisitorial. The same moiety system was in force in the American custom-house some years ago, and it led to so many abuses and so much injustice that the regulation was finally repealed. And this practice of dividing the fines in the postoffice and custom-house here in Brazil should also be repealed. In the custom-house the grossest abuses are practised, simply as an excuse for levying fines. Such

a system is demoralizing in every respect, and as long as it is maintained it will be practically impossible to have an efficient service, unless the law imposes a fine on the official for every failure to prove his suspicion true, and gives the victim an appeal to some outside tribunal to decide the dispute.

THEN there is that other abuse—the levying of fines—which also demands reform. According to the laws, or their *regulamentos*, any official has the power to levy fines and collect them. This is another prolific source of injustice and venality. If the official detecting an infraction of the law had only the right to report it, leaving the penalty to his chief, or to some court, he would think twice before trying to impose upon his victim. But there is no such requirement. Apparently every official has the power to impose a fine. Even the dirty, scoundrel, unlettered "water-guard," who blackmails you into paying him five or ten milreis a month by shutting off your water supply, can impose a fine for some infraction, real or imaginary, of the *regulamento*, and he has the power to make you pay it too! And in many public departments, such as the postoffice, a clerk can fine you for using language to him which he considers "offensive." A people who submit to such impositions, are practically slaves. If they were possessed with a grain of spirit they would break down all such regulations at once and forever. It puts the citizen, no matter how rich, intelligent and public-spirited he may be, wholly at the mercy of the meanest official in the public service. If Brazil can not be governed without the imposition of fines for every trifling departure from routine regulations, then let them be settled by the courts. If the water guard thinks that a citizen has incurred a fine, let him first report the case to his chief, and then let the citizen be called before a pretor to give explanations. If the citizen proves that no infraction of the law had occurred, let him go free, and let the guard be reprimanded and fined the expenses of the court. This is no more than fair. The public official is a public servant, and has no right whatever to enjoy immunities from the consequences of his own wrong doing. Until all citizens, including public officials, are put on the same level before the law, we shall never be free from these impositions. No one who obeys and respects the law can wish to avoid the consequences of his acts, but it is only common justice that he should have a fair hearing.

WE are inclined to believe that no change will be made in the methods of marketing coffee at this port unless the planters themselves demand it. The exporters and other *intermediários* are not particularly interested, for their profits remain much the same, no matter what the methods are by which coffee is handled and shipped. The consumer pays according to the supply, and he has little or no interest in a question which directly concerns the producer. It is for the planter, therefore, to act. At the present time he is complaining of the extremely low price which he is receiving, which means that the supply is large and the consumer is able to force the market down. The expenses of marketing the product are therefore for account of the producer. Were these expenses decreased it may be assumed that the planter would receive nearly that much more for his product. In view of this, he ought to insist upon the suppression of every unnecessary expense at the port of shipment. He has lately had a 50 per cent reduction in transportation rates, which are absurdly low, and which no private company can continue unless the loss is offset by some favor within the gift of the government. Such a favor, in our opinion, is to be found in the suggestion made in these columns some weeks ago in regard to the concentration of the coffee business at the Gambôa station. If the Central railway could have the privilege of storing and ship-

ping coffee, or of furnishing store-houses and shipping facilities, some recompense would be gained to offset the low freight rates now ruling, while at the same time the planter would also benefit in the savings on cartage and waste. At present the cartages through the streets of this city involve at least three transfers, viz.:—from railway to the *commissario's* deposits, thence to the *encasador's* deposits, and thence to the *docas* warehouses for shipment. These transfers involve not only considerable expense in cartage, but also much waste—a part of which represents just so much loss to the planter. If now the coffee could be sent to the Gambôa station, to be stored, blended, sold and shipped on the premises, a great saving would result, the greater part of which would go into the planter's own pocket. We do not now discuss the question of eliminating any of the intermediate agencies in the transaction (except that of the *docas* warehouses); we simply suggest the abolition of all unnecessary cartage and its consequent waste. As for the *docas* warehouses, the only saving would be in the elimination of the thieving which is so scandalously common in that establishment, for the charges would probably be just the same at the railway piers. The benefit would lie in the better protection of the product at the railway warehouses, and the elimination of the political influences which protect the maladministration of the *docas*. The scheme is certainly worth the consideration of the coffee planter. It may not yield all the benefits we anticipate, but if the railway is permitted to concentrate the storage and shipment of coffee at the Gambôa station, leasing offices and warehouses to dealers and exporters for that purpose, we are confident that a very great saving will result and that the planters will benefit largely from it.

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We have already stated that this unfinished building was purchased for the society by Sr. J. Fernandes Braga, and that the society has been given easy conditions of payment. Another friend of the society has likewise offered to loan the amounts necessary to complete the edifice, if required. With such support the Y. M. C. A. of Rio will soon have one of the finest business blocks in Rio, which will contain two large warehouses on the street and a large number of excellent offices on the first floor, for rental, in addition to spacious quarters for itself on the second floor.

The plans show that the building will be elegant in appearance, three stories in height, and will be very conveniently arranged for its tenants. The offices and warehouses will be well lighted, and ventilated, and the plumbing will be thoroughly well done.

For themselves the young men will have a large assembly room for their meetings, directors' room, reading-room, gymnasium, etc. It would be good policy, in our opinion, for the British Subscription Library to obtain permanent quarters in this edifice.

Although it is expected that the building will yield a good income when finished, the society will need a large sum of money to finish the work of construction, furnishing, etc., in addition to what is required to pay off its debt. To meet this, subscriptions are solicited here in Rio, in England and in the United States. The object is good and can not fail to yield good results, and we anticipate a generous response to the appeals for help which the society is sending out.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

Cases of yellow fever have appeared in Pará.

The thermometer registered 82 Fahr at Pará on Christmas day.

A commercial association was formally inaugurated in Manaus on the 1st inst.

A police soldier committed suicide in São Paulo on the 14th by throwing himself from the viaduct.

During the past year there were registered in Santos 214 marriages, 1,143 births and 1,770 deaths.

On the 13th inst. the governor of São Paulo was insulted at his official residence by an insane woman.

During the past year there were 77 marriages, 644 births and 459 deaths in the town of Yth, São Paulo.

At Santos disturbances were caused on Saturday by soldiers, who were in that city on their way to Rio Grande.

The governor of Sergipe has called an extra session of the state legislature, commencing on the 15th prox.

There were 88 marriages, 751 births and 589 deaths in the municipality of Sorocaba, São Paulo, during the past year.

There were 885 interments in the municipal cemetery of Araraquara, São Paulo, during the past year, of which 469 were of minors.

The São Paulo police recently discovered a thieves' resort about two leagues from that city. Four of the band were arrested on the 12th inst.

An exceptionally heavy rainfall was experienced in Petropolis on the 13th inst., causing inundations and considerable damage to property.

It is stated that 66 newspapers and other periodicals were started in the state of São Paulo during the past year. The number of suspensions is not given.

Telegrams of the 14th inst. from Santa Catharina say that at Laguna a disturbance caused by the crews of the steamers *Linha* and *Cinco* many persons were wounded.

There were 36 deaths in Manaus. Amongst them the last half of November, of which 1 yellow fever, 3 small pox, 2 beriberi, 10 malarial fevers, and 3 pulmonary consumption.

The municipal chamber of Campos has passed a resolution endorsing the action of Vice-President Manoel Victorino in sending troops to that town at the requisition of the federal judge.

A Porto Alegre telegram of the 18th says that there are over 200 young men belonging to Uruguayan families in Uruguayan awaiting the outbreak of the expected revolution in Uruguay, when they intend to join the revolutionists.

An Aracaju telegram of the 17th says that Gov. Garcez had ordered the prosecution of certain municipal councillors because he found that the election had gone against him. These elections are becoming more and more farcical every day.

At Pará a letter sent from New-York with two 2000 notes which withdrawal from circulation had been announced, reached their destination without the notes. This has excited much comment justly derogatory to the Pará post-office, against which, moreover, there are many other complaints. A correspondent of the *Jornal do Commercio* says that, unless matters improve, it will be advisable to close that post-office.

The *Provincia do Pará* of the 2nd inst. says that the exploring expedition under the leadership of Dr. Hermann Meyer has arrived safely and sound at Cayulá, Mato Grosso, having successfully crossed the Indian territory in Central Brazil.

Unfortunately for the *Clarim* of Limeira, São Paulo, new fever cases have appeared in that town, but they are labelled *suspectos*, not yellow fever. Three of them were fatal, and three *suspectos* cases are said to be doing well. How about the *clariferos*, colleagues?

Partial demographic returns from the municipalities of São Paulo for the month of November give 3,518 births and 2,910 deaths. Seven deaths from yellow fever were reported, 5 in Pirassununga and 2 in Limeira. There were also 42 deaths from typhoid fever.

In addition to the drinking and quarrelling among the pilgrims to the Santos—Vesuvius, there appears to have been the customary assassination, for on the 10th the body of a Spaniard was found in the bushes near by who had disappeared two or three days after the eruption.

The *Provincia* says that M. Coutureau left Pará on the night of the 31st ult. on a second exploring expedition up the Tocantins and Araguaia rivers. He is accompanied by his wife and will be gone about five months. These explorations are made at the cost of the state of Pará.

The November mortality in the city of São Paulo numbered 557, of which 197 were under 5 years of age. Among the causes of death were typhoid fever 15, pulmonary consumption 35, sundry fevers 29, organic diseases of the heart 34, bronchitis 22, pneumonia 19, inflammation and other diseases of the bowels 113.

Complaints were made last week of the sale of tuberculous beef at the São Paulo abattoir, but the municipal council refused to take any notice of the matter. The secretary of interior, however, instructed the sanitary authorities to make an inquiry. The municipal councils throughout the whole of Brazil are proving themselves absolutely bad and incapable.

The *Tribuna do Povo*, of Santos, was galled to the last. Its editor knew that the flame of the Ottoburn gas well was from the interior of the earth on account of its color. A day or two after emitting this opinion some unfeeling investigators extinguished the flame by throwing mud and stones into the hole. And then the *Tribuna* solemnly announced that before the flame died out distinct rumblings in the earth were heard. The water supply in Santos is evidently very bad.

The *Diário Popular* of São Paulo relates that some days ago the wife of Antonio Cury, of Santa Antonia da Cachoeira, had a singular accident with a large snake. She was nursing an infant child. Feeling slightly unwell, she lay down on the bed and fell asleep. After a time she was awakened by the crying of the child, when she found a large snake partly concealed under her chemise. On killing the unwelcome visitor, a quantity of fresh milk was found in its body, showing that it had been nursing.

Some time ago there arrived at Pará on the steamer *Paraguá* between 700 and 800 immigrants of various nationalities, contracted for work in the interior by a man of the name of Vacca Diaz. Finding that their contracts were unsatisfactory, they refused to proceed further, and, at the instance of the Spanish consul, were admitted into the government immigrant depot. Some of them, it is stated, have succeeded in obtaining employment. Vacca Diaz is a contractor for the Madeira and Mamoré railway.

On the 12th inst. Dr. João Mendes de Almeida published a denunciation of the São Paulo police officials for cruelly beating, imprisoning, dismissing and photographing two ex-police men because it had been discovered that they had frequented the rooms of the anarchist club in that city. It was certainly a gross abuse of power to place their photographs in the papers' gallery for such a cause. The chief of police, Dr. Xavier de Toledo, however, does not think so, for in the following day he sent for Dr. João Mendes to give explanations.

On the 13th inst. Dr. Eduardo Prado and others presented an application to the tribunal of justice of São Paulo for a writ of habeas corpus for the purpose of terminating the restraint imposed upon them by the police officials of that city. On October 31st they were assembled at a private house for the purpose of discussing the question whether they should present a manifest or manifest at the approaching elections, when armed police officials entered and ordered them to disperse, and forbade their reunion at any other place, under threat of violence. They claim this to be illegal and a violation of the constitution.

According to the *Commercio de S. Paulo* the tribunal of justices at São Paulo can hardly be considered eminent for judicial knowledge and impartiality. The application for habeas corpus by certain monarchists was under consideration. It was decided against them because no arrest had been made. One judge thought that habeas corpus could only be applied to the right to go to or return from a meeting, therefore it covered the right of locomotion. Others were in doubt whether the state or federal constitution governed the matter. One was in doubt as to which of these constitutions was first adopted; in case the state constitution was last, it revoked all conflicting clauses in the federal constitution. At any rate, he considered that the monarchists have no political rights. With such judges, São Paulo has a brilliant future before her.

The *Diário Popular* says that the sanitary state of Pirassununga, São Paulo, continues bad. Since the epidemic hospital was opened 29th Dec., 18 cases of fever have been received, of which 1 have died, 6 were discharged cured, and 8 were still under treatment. The number of cases treated in private residences is not given.

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

Capt. Itacema Gomes has preferred charges against Col. Thomaz Flores, who has been instructed by the government to come to Rio de Janeiro.

On the 13th inst. Sylvio Pinheiro was relieved of the command of Castilhos' military brigade and it is stated that his successor will be Col. José Carlos Poma Junior. In the mean while the brigade is temporarily in charge of the senior battalion commander Col. Afonso Mason.

Dr. Francisco Tavares has applied for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Estacio Avulândia and Torquato Severo, who are threatened with violence on the pretext of their being connected with revolutionary plots in Uruguay. Refugees from that country continue to enter the state of Rio Grande.

It is said that ex-Minister Pernambuco Abbot intends to be a candidate for the governorship of the state, but that Chief of Police Jorges de Mello will be the official candidate.

Julio de Castilhos has recently promulgated a new election law.

The *Folha do Sul* says that the municipal council of Rio Grande refuses to approve the intendents' accounts unless money unduly used for payments to the press shall be first returned.

Councilor Mariel is reported to have had a conference with Vice-President Manoel Victorino in regard to political affairs in Rio Grande.

RAILROAD NOTES

In Campinas counterfeit tickets of the railway company have made their appearance.

The Paulista company has declared a half-yearly dividend at the rate of 175 per share.

It is announced that the new time-table on the Central will go into effect on the 23rd inst.

We are informed that some French engineers are now examining the Central railway in the interests of a French syndicate.

According to the *Commercio de S. Paulo* the number of persons employed on the Central railway has increased since 1889 from 4,000 to 14,000.

The new time-table on the Central railway will go into operation, it is announced, on the 23rd inst. This is the second postponement.

It is stated that the expenses of the Pernambuco Central railway show an excess of \$80,000 over the amount of the respective appropriation and that the government intends to prosecute the officials that are responsible for this excess.

It would be interesting to know how it is possible for any serious proposal to be made for the state railways before May 15th? Speculators of speculators may do so, but even they must keep within the limit which experienced railway men would establish for the property.

It is stated that the Central railway will shortly be examined by three representatives of European capitalists who contemplate making a proposal for the lease of the road. Engineer Aguiar Miranda, it is said, will receive instructions to accompany and assist them in making the examination.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works is building 13 locomotives for Japan and 8 for China, besides a considerable number for Brazil. Chile and Argentina have also become customers for these celebrated machines. The Rogers Locomotive Works is likewise building 18 locomotives, multiple type, for Japan.

The editors of the *Corra* telegraphed from Porto Alegre on the 17th that the election of the 34th was a formidable affair, that contacts in Rio Grande railway supplies (locomotives, boilers, bridges, rails, coal and cement) have been made without inviting public tenders, that the new contracts for the railway extension have been given in the same way, that there is a monopoly for firewood and other similar abuses, and that political management has corrupted and injured the line.

At the station of Ypiranga on the Central railway a locomotive exploded on the 12th inst. Killing the engine-driver, a stoker and a brakeman. A boy and some passengers were also wounded. Some of the fragments of the locomotive were hurled by the force of the explosion to a distance of 80 metres. The locomotive was an old one and was recently repaired in the Central's workshops. It is said that the engine driver had allowed the water to run too low in the boiler.

For a long time the residents of Santa Theresa have been complaining almost daily of their tramway service. When the electric line was opened it was expected that an improvement would result, but this has proved delusive. A more admirable service could not be invented. The line is managed by a *medico*, who leaves the details to his subordinates, and they amuse themselves by trying to worry and browbeat passengers. The service is negligently arranged, slow and most irritating, especially the hours of 5 to 6.30 p. m., when extra trains ought to be put on. Waiting half an hour for a seat is not enjoyable.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works has completed an electric locomotive for the Westinghouse company which is said to have a speed of 120 miles an hour.

It has been settled that the fiscal engineers for railways shall have 6,000\$ a year additional (*gratificação*) and those who undertake the supervision of central sugar factories will have 8,000\$.

Whether the official investigation of Station-master Bastos Junior's conduct was complete, or not, we have no means of knowing; but we are informed that, notwithstanding the many charges against him, the only fact elicited by that investigation is that on one occasion he caused a man to be imprisoned in a freight car. This act the director of the Central railway does not attempt to defend. In fact, he admits that it is censurable; but he nevertheless says that he cannot punish Bastos Junior, since such abuses were at the time not only permitted but even customary. And so Bastos Junior has not been punished, unless indeed his recent promotion to the office of paymaster be considered a punishment.

COFFEE NOTES

The recent rains have been general throughout the coffee districts and have been of great benefit to the growing crop.

LIBERIAN COFFEE.

Under date of Monrovia, September 25, 1896, Consul-General Heurl reports the following relative to Liberian coffee.

The producing and exporting of Liberian coffee is becoming a subject of great concern to the farmers of this republic. The phenomenal increase in its production is worthy of consideration. The coffee exported during the fiscal year 1896 amounted to 600,000 pounds, while the exports for the year ended June 30, 1896, amounted to 500,000 pounds. Farmers, merchants, and people generally have turned their attention to coffee growing. While no American ships touch at any Liberian port, yet more than one-fifth of the coffee produced is shipped to the United States via Liverpool. Coffee is the largest export, yet palm oil, palm kernels, glassware, and rubber are shipped in great quantities. If ships from the United States touched at Monrovia, Bassa, and Cape Palmas, half of the exports would go to the United States. The people prefer American produce, save the few Europeans residing here. The reason for this preference is that the people are immigrants from the United States and in habits and life are American. A direct line of steamers from New York or Boston, touching at this port once in two months, would be a paying enterprise. — *C. S. Consular Reports.*

LOCAL NOTES

It is reported that the President is not intending to resume power at present, probably not before February 15th.

A severe epidemic of yellow-fever has been raging at Fort-a-Prince, Hayti. Has the minister of interior heard of it?

The directorship of the Polytechnic school has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Gabriel Osorio de Almeida to that post.

The *Jornal do Commercio* of Sunday says that in tenders of the portfolio of justice and interior have been made to anyone since the appointment and refusal of Dr. Xavier de Silveira.

On the 16th the supreme tribunal concluded a writ of habeas corpus to Dr. João Mendes de Almeida, president of the Centro Monarchista of São Paulo, and fixed the 23rd inst. for a hearing of the case.

The correctional colony at Dons Rios, which was opened only last year, has now been closed, after a short and inglorious career. The trouble is, some of the men who were unmanageable, ought to have been its first inmates.

The minister of finance has informed the director of the mint that he cannot pay the accounts of articles furnished to that establishment in 1895 by E. Lambert, since no provision was made in the budget for the respective expenditure.

Sadly says that the microscopic size of the *zizem* boxes of bread is causing great injury to the eyes of the loyal and heroic citizens of this city. He says that a pocket lens will soon be required by the citizen to find his *passinho*.

On the steamer *Colombo* there arrived here on the 11th inst. 101 immigrants contracted for work on railways in Espírito Santo. Although a telegram announcing their arrival was duly sent on that day, an answer was returned, much to the annoyance of the immigrants and of the agents of the steamer. Application was made to the minister of industry for their admittance into the immigrant depot on Ilha das Flores. The minister, however, answered that congress had voted no appropriation for immigration expenses and consequently the immigrants were obliged to remain on board. On the 14th the agents of the Espírito Santo government stated that they had received prompt instruction on the subject, but could not make the necessary arrangements.

—The minister of war has called Col. Thomaz Flores to Rio because of the dispute between himself and Col. Telles. There is probably much more politics than military discipline in this dispute, and the man with the "longer pull" will win.

—The ministers of war and marine, both florantistas, have recently taken into their hands to visit each other at their respective departments. The *Putz* calls this the reconciliation of the army and navy. The *Putz* always was just a trifle imaginative.

—Capt. Paulino de Jesus, commander of the *Thara*, whose heroic efforts to save his vessel have been so warmly and justly extolled, was one of the political prisoners who were incarcerated in the Casa de Correção by the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto.

—The reporters of the *Journal do Brazil* were hunting the will-o'-the-wisp on the evening of the 14th. The gossip of the café had it that President had returned and the *Journal's* reporters were trying to find whether it were true. But no one knew, and it took half a column to say so.

—The *Journal do Commercio* gives some excellent reasons why immigrants should not be ill treated in Brazil; but its attempt to deduce therefrom the conclusion that immigrants never are badly treated here is unquestionably a *non sequitur*. It reminds us of the arguments in support of slave-holding.

—It would be a curious circumstance were Alexandre Liang to be condemned for default in connection with public funds, while Barão de Capanga remains untried, and the ex-treasurer and paymaster of the Central railway go free. However, justice is a queer thing, and there is no predicting what may happen.

—Complaints are made of the destruction of forests on the Garça and Jardim Botânico side of the city. But what is the use of complaining? A municipal government which authorizes or permits the destruction of beautiful shade trees in the city, will not take much trouble to protect the hill-side forests in the suburbs.

—It would be interesting to know why the government continues to permit the mint to engage in work for which it was not designed. It costs the taxpayer a good sum of money, and yet no objection is raised to its maintaining schools, printing and engraving offices, a bronze foundry, and the *Loal* only knows what else!

—At 1 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday a dynamite bomb was thrown by some unknown person into a room in which a man was sleeping in the house of Dr. Fernandes Pinheiro at No. 65 Rua das Laranjeiras. Considerable damage was done to the building and furniture; but the man was, fortunately, not injured.

—In the guard-house of the 10th battalion of infantry, according to the *Gazeta do Noticias*, there are three prisoners whom the military authorities are endeavoring to force to enlist in the army. One of them, who has been in custody ever since the 6th of last month, is said to be the sole support of an aged mother.

—Nearly every day there are made new disclosures of frauds in the recent municipal and congressional elections. It is a pity that there cannot be found a few public-spirited men able and willing to take the matter in hand and cause these vitiated elections to be annulled and the authors of the frauds to be duly punished.

—The irrepressible Col. Torres Homem has been appointed to command the Rio Grande military school. He is one of those who advocate military interference in everything from the negotiation of a treaty with a foreign power to the preparation of laws for the protection and development of industry and commerce.

—From all accounts the beautiful shade trees along the old aqueduct road are doomed. The electric tramway proposes to spoil that old road altogether, and give us only an excuse for an improvement. And as the prefect and the director of the tramway are brother *medicos* and intimate friends, they will do as they please regardless of public interests.

—Dr. José de Saldanha da Gama, who, for being a brother of the admiral, was dismissed by the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto from the directorship of the Polytechnic School, has been appointed by the present government supervising engineer of the Barão de Araruama railway and of the Quissamã and Supicua central sugar mills with a salary of 8,000 per annum.

—On Wednesday the supreme court adjourned in token of respect for the memory of Dr. Souza Martins and on Saturday the whole of the sitting was occupied with habeas corpus cases. The court was consequently unable to take action on the case for testing the constitutionality of the restrictive clause in the amnesty law, on which, we presume, it will render its decision to-morrow.

—It is now reported that Gen. Weyler has begun to arrest and imprison the women who have husbands, brothers or sons in the Cuban army, hoping in this way to detach such men from the insurgent ranks. Such a measure is worthy of Weyler and his cause. The murders, executions and oppressions of the Spaniards in Cuba are guilty, ought to rouse the civilized world against them.

—It is asserted that the Krupp field artillery ordered by the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto, will have to be sent back to Europe for the purpose of undergoing certain alterations. This artillery is said to have cost several thousand contos.

—Building No. 43 Km do Ypiranga was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The owner, who resided in the building, saved a very small part of his household property. There was no insurance. Building No. 45, which is insured for 5,000\$, was somewhat damaged. The firemen after their arrival at the burning house had to wait an hour and a quarter before they were able to obtain water.

—It is pleasing to note that the minister of interior has lost no time in taking precautions against the cases of cholera reported as having occurred on the steamer *Nubia*, now in rigorous quarantine at Plymouth, England. The minister might have waited until there was some danger, but it is wise, says the ancient philosopher, to be cautious in the season, as well as in season. If the minister was as energetic toward the epidemic diseases already dwelling with us—but that is another question.

—We are under obligations to Messrs. L. B. Chateaux & Co., of the new mineral water factory "A Carbonaria", for samples of some of their products, viz.:—ginger ale, soda water, quinine tonic, and pine apple champagne. The samples show that the factory is prepared to furnish a first-class article, and at prices much below the cost of imported goods. The factory is under the supervision of a practical chemist and manufacturer, who will employ the best English methods and will supply a strictly reliable article.

—The *Journal do Commercio* wishes to know who was the author of the brilliant idea of bringing Canadian immigrants to Brazil. Well, as a son of Minister Bernardino de Campos was appointed immigration agent in Canada by the state government of S. Paulo, and as the immigrants were brought to Brazil by that government, we presume the latter, in default of other claimants, is entitled to the credit of originating the idea. Some of the credit, however, may possibly belong to the press which failed to protest when the idea was made public.

—Up to last Thursday there had been for some time a dearth of sensational reports; but on that day they once more began to circulate. It was then reported that President Prudente de Moraes had secretly returned to this city, presumably for the purpose of resuming office, which, apparently, it was expected, would be opposed. It was also said that on Friday the jacobins would hold a meeting and pass resolutions endorsing the administration of Vice-President Manoel Vitorino. The meeting, however, was not held, nor had Prudente come down from Theresaopolis.

—On the 14th was published a municipal decree creating a new tax, called a sanitary tax and providing for a municipal service for the removal of refuse and garbage from dwellings and offices. The tax is a heavy one, but if the service is properly executed no one will complain. In all probability, however, the service will not be properly executed. It will provide for another small army of public employees, however, and as the expenditure is estimated at 2,745,400\$ for salaries per annum and 1,738,500\$ for material, it will mean the waste of a very large sum of money. The decree is not to go into effect so far as the house service is concerned until the furnaces have been built and the carts purchased.

—The *Journal do Commercio* of the 13th informs its readers, with justifiable pride and satisfaction, that it had received a subscription from far-off Japan, and even gives the name of the subscriber (who is henceforth to be classified among the immortals) and the means by which he proposes to pay for his subscription. The *Journal* will accept our hearty congratulations. It is a great thing to be so celebrated, and to be known on the other side of the globe. In all probability the *Putz* has never yet reached that stage of distinction. It so happens, however, that *The Rio News* has also received a subscription from Japan, by the same mail, from the same gentleman and on the same conditions. We had no intention of announcing the fact, it must be confessed, for it is a common occurrence for *The News* to be sought for from the farthestmost parts of the earth, but as the *Journal* has fired off a rocket we can do no less than follow the example.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Preços Correntes N. 17 da Casa Philatelica do Alphi. Brack. A catalogue and price list of rare and ordinary postage stamps for sale by this well known dealer. The size of the catalogue, about 60 pages, is eloquent testimony of the dimensions to which the business has grown.

BUSINESS NOTES

—The director-general of the postoffice has authorized an expenditure of 30,000\$ on the postoffice building in this city.

—We see that the agents of one of the Italian steamship lines is selling in S. Paulo pre-paid passages from Italy to Brazil, 3rd class, for 100 francs.

—The minister of finance has appointed Sr. Antonio Roberto de Vasconcellos to be inspector of the Santos custom-house. The new official arrived at Santos on the 16th inst.

—The cotton factory at Piracemba has closed and owes it operatives 4 months' pay.

—During the years 1894 and 1895 the exports from Great Britain to Brazil showed a decrease of \$1,104,390 (United States money), the totals being \$36,609,930 in 1894 and \$35,505,540 in 1895.

—The municipal council of Mococa, São Paulo, has imposed a tax of 100 to 200 reis a kilo on the beef sold in certain shops. This may imply liberty of commerce, but it does not look like it.

—Before the federal court of this city Pedro Gracie Junior has protested against the collection of a higher duty on kerosene than on reis per kilo. He claims that kerosene and jerked beef should enjoy the special 30% abatement.

—The Engineering Club at its meeting on Friday passed resolutions expressing regret that the government in executing its retrenchment policy should commence with the service of public works, thus reducing the means of subsistence of engineers.

—The appointment of political partisans to high judicial positions tends to defeat the ends of justice. It is not the function of a court to defend political ideals, but to protect the legal rights and privileges of the citizen. If a man can not divest himself of partisan bias, he has no business on the bench.

—The minister of marine is said to have signed the contract for the purchase of the coasting steamer *Isiphi* for the sum of 1,200,000\$, the company to make certain specified alterations at its own cost before delivery. The steamer will become a transport and will be called the *Carlos Gomes*.

—A formal trial of the floating derrick belonging to the war arsenal was made on the 16th inst. In presence of the Vice-President and other officials. The trial was reported sensationally, it being stated that the derrick could lift a weight of 100 tons. The machine was christened the "Macedmal de Ferro".

—During the quarter ending 31st December last 90 transfers of property were registered in Araruama, São Paulo, covering an aggregate value of \$59,345,530, on which the taxes were 31,054,257\$. There is evidently some mistake in the figures, the probably to bad proof-reading, as the tax should not be less than 6 per cent.

—It is telegraphed from Rio Grande that the jerked beef business is paralysed for lack of cattle. In that case, what are the chances for that new enterprise for shipping live cattle to Rio, which was announced a short time past? If there are no cattle for jerked beef, then it is reasonable to presume there will be none for fresh beef.

—The *Journal do Brazil* of the 16th says: "We know that the government intends to acquire for our navy the steamer *Itapira*, the property of the Companhia Nacional de Navegação Costeira. This is another illustration of how we economise. When the Brazilian government begins to talk of economy, it is time to look about for the new expenditures it has in view."

—Owing to the low rate of exchange in Brazil, which affected adversely both expenses and remittances, the directors of the Amazon Steam Navigation Company are unable to declare an interim dividend, but they have resolved to make a distribution of 2 per cent. for the half-year ending 30th June, 1896, to be paid out of the reserve fund of the company.—*Transport*, London, Dec. 25.

—The following pithy notice, said to have been posted on the door of a bank out in Arizona, might be closely paraphrased and put on the door of many a business house here in Rio de Janeiro, even including some of the celebrated white handkerchiefs.—"This bank has no business if it costs the people \$50,000; the people owe it \$55,000; it is the people who are busted; when they pay, we'll pay."

—The telegraph is certainly a great institution here in Brazil. We received a telegram from São Paulo on Saturday last, which came through (including delivery) in the extraordinarily quick time of 42 hours. The telegram was dispatched at about 5 p. m. on the 14th and was delivered in our office about midday on the 16th. The postoffice could have beaten this record by several hours.

—The statement that Messrs. Lage Brothers had reduced the price of their coal to the Central railway, compared with their tender, is denied by that firm. Their tender comprised several prices based on conditions of delivery and payment, and the director of the Central accepted the lowest, which requires the road to receive the coal on board in this harbor and to pay for the same within one month.

—At the beginning of last year two false drafts were negotiated in Campinas and São Paulo, and Benjamin Lacorte was arrested as the author. On the 16th inst., almost a year after the crime was committed, the case came up for trial and the accused was acquitted. The principal line of defence was to the effect that the crime was committed in another place, and could not therefore be tried in São Paulo. The public prosecutor appealed.

—If American coal mine owners can furnish coal in Brazil, equal to the English coal in use here, for the price stipulated in the Central railway tender of Mr. Vankert, then there is no reason why they should not virtually control the market, providing they proceed in a business-like way. They should either establish deposits here, or else some coal merchant should locate here, and capital enough should be invested in the business to meet every emergency. They should never subject their business to such a *parao* as that of the Central railway contract for 1897.

—The N. Y. *Journal of Commerce* of Dec. 14th publishes the following business items:

"A prominent sewing machine company claims to have shipped last week for the port of Pará, Brazil, alone, 1,000 sewing machines."

"Two carloads of furniture, containing principally chairs and tables, will leave this port by sailing vessel for northern Brazil about the 19th inst."

—According to a German official publication the trade between Germany and Brazil in 1895 and 1894, reduced to United States money, was as follows:

	1895	1894
Imports	\$27,327,398	\$21,722,974
Exports	\$17,968,458	\$13,568,618

This shows a very rapid increase, both in imports and exports. Germany is the principal customer for Brazil's tobacco crop, and is also a large buyer of Brazilian coffee. On the other hand, the exports of German products to Brazil is steadily increasing, and has received a substantial increase of late years through the heavy purchases of war material in that country.

—The *Handels-Museum* says that German imports into Brazil are constantly increasing. Germany shares now in the total imports to the extent of 60 per cent. The development of industry in Brazil, particularly as regards the manufacture of hats, perfumery, soap, candles, gold ware, beer, etc., lessens the imports without doubt; however, other countries, such as Great Britain, Sweden, Italy and the United States, suffer therefrom far more than Germany does. The high customs' duties, which were recently still more increased, and which are now tantamount to 90 per cent. on an average of the manufacturing value, call for the special attention of importers.

FINANCIAL NOTES

—The *Journal do Brazil* says that there is a default of over 200,000\$ in the mint.

—At Petropolis the customs receipts amounted last year to 2,745,285\$155, against 2,665,600\$137 in 1895.

—The receipts of the municipality of Pará for 1897 are estimated at 2,414,000\$, and the expenditures 2,406,913\$730.

—The treasury received two raises of 50\$ bank notes from the American Bank Note Co. by the L. & H. steamer *Heracles*.

—On the 16th the *Gazeta do Noticias* stated that a deflation of over 100,000\$ had been discovered in the treasury department.

—It is said that the government made a very profitable transaction with the silver recently coined at the mint. What becomes of the coined silver we do not know.

—The new Banque Française da Brésil has purchased the building on Rua da Quitanda formerly occupied by the Banco Constructor, which is to be thoroughly refitted. The ground floor, it is expected, will be ready for occupation next month.

—The municipal council has authorized the prefect to borrow not exceeding 100,000\$ sterling for sanitary improvements in this city. The loan is based upon the guarantee of the federal government, which has not been given. The prefect is authorized to impose new and increased taxes for the service of the loan.

—The *Journal do Brazil* of the 15th says that telegrams have been received to the effect that the long-negotiated loan for Minas Geraes will soon be signed in Paris. It is said that the conditions have been agreed to on both sides. The *Journal* says that this affirms our credit abroad. Perhaps it would be better to first know what the conditions are before discussing that point. Almost any country can arrange a loan on some kind of terms, and such terms might prove a very distressing lack of credit.

—The total revenue receipts of the state of Pará for the fiscal year 1894-95, recently published, were 19,809,554\$, of which 8,296,468\$73 were from export duties, 757,392\$75 from the tax on industries and professions, 410,958\$333 from the tax on the transfers of property, 359,122\$752 from the stamp tax, 163,346\$189 on the landing tax on merchandise, etc. There is no sign of a land tax. Of the export tax, the 21% tax on rubber yielded 7,863,341\$25, the 8% on exento 225,330\$916, the 16% on chequats 168,718\$414, and the 10% on the skins of animals 10,507\$461.

AN IMPORTANT RECTIFICATION.

With regard to the reports telegraphed from Pará about the cause of the death of Mr. A. R. Oakes, manager of the London and Brazilian Bank in that city, who was well known and highly esteemed in many other cities in Brazil where he had held important and trustworthy positions in the same bank, Mr. J. Mackenzie writes us as follows:

"I am requested by our Head Office in London to ask you to contradict the report to which you gave currency in your impression of 22nd December last, respecting the lamentable death of Mr. Oakes, manager of this bank in Pará. I am now in a position to affirm, that not only the business of the branch, but also Mr. Oakes' private affairs were in perfect order, and that the press notices attributing his death to speculations were absolutely devoid of foundation."

We are deeply grateful to be able to correct in so conclusive a manner the damaging reports sent out in regard to Mr. Oakes' affairs. We have no idea how they originated, but in justice to his memory and to his family, we trust that they may never be mentioned again.

Rio de Janeiro, January 15th 1857.

EXCHANGE.

2000 18s - The Drumstick Bank opened at 8⁰⁰, and
 the others at 11⁰⁰, which held during the day
 until just before the close the London and River Plate
 Bank opened at 2⁰⁰, and at this business was done by
 several banks, including the London and River Plate
 Bank, which was closed at 3⁰⁰. At 4⁰⁰ the morning
 540 2 1/2% was reported in commercial sterling, and
 so-called repassed bills soon appeared, and were
 placed at 110, at which the banks were not anxious
 to sell, while the morning business was done. The
 afternoon was quiet, until just before the close of
 business when bills were again offering, and 1 1/16
 20 was then reported in other than bank sterling. The
 market for the 2 1/2% was quiet, and a moderate
 30 business doing at the reported extreme of 110 1/2
 for bank and 3 1/4% at 110 1/2 for other sterling.
 35 There was nothing reported in sovereigns on the
 market, and the India closed with buyers at 27⁰⁰,
 40 sellers at 27⁰⁰.

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MARKET REPORT

Rio de Janeiro, 18th January 1977

Exports.

Imports

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNED TO
Jan. 11	Nile Brit.	Southampton 16 1/2 ds.	Royal Mail.
11	Halshburg Ger.	Bremen 23 ds.	Hermann Stoltz & Co.
11	Colombo Ital.	Genoa 23 ds.	Prati Cresta & Marini
11	Las Palmas Ital.	Santos 13 ds.	La Velle.
11	Cervantes Brit.	Liverpool	Norton, Megaw & Co.
11	Teosco Brit.	Antwerp 31 ds.	Lage Imados.
11	Thames Brit.	River Plate 3 ds.	Royal Mail.
11	Penarth Brit.	Newport 14 ds.	Lage Imados.
11	Minas Ital.	Genoa 27 ds.	A. Morita & Co.
11	Moravia Ger.	River Plate 12 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
11	Santa Fé Fr.	Havre 25 ds.	Chargers Réunis.
11	Oslo Norw.	Buenos Aires 17 ds.	Glennell & Co.
11	Col. J. T. North Brit.	do 5 1/2 ds.	Thorner.
11	Mozart Brit.	Santos 24 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
11	Warburg Ger.	do 24 ds.	Hermann Stoltz & Co.
11	Brator Brit.	Newport 27 ds.	Lage Imados.
11	Mercutio Argent.	Buenos Aires 7 ds.	J. de Souza & Co.
11	Amazonas Ger.	Santos 17 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
11	Weyce Brit.	Cardiff 27 ds.	Lage Imados.
11	Strait of Menai Brit.	do 25 ds.	do
11	Uendi Brit.	do 24 ds.	do
11	Hercia Brit.	Liverpool 24 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.

Departures of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Jan. 11	Kaffir Prince Brit.	New York	Coffee
11	Nile Brit.	Genoa	Sundries.
11	Cervantes Brit.	River Plate.	do
11	Thames Brit.	Inelle ports.	do
11	Moravia Ger.	Southampton	do
11	Penarth Brit.	Marcelles	do
11	Minas Ital.	Buenos Aires	Ballast.
11	Moravia Ital.	Genoa	Sundries.
11	Halshburg Ger.	Santos.	do
11	Hercia Brit.	New York.	Coffee.
11	Mozart Brit.	New Orleans.	Sundries.
11	Amazonas Ger.	Hamburg	do
11	Warburg Ger.	Bremen	do
11	Col. J. T. North Brit.	Buenos Aires.	Ballast.
11	Newton Brit.	Santos.	Sundries.
11	Havre Brit.	Santa Lucia.	Ballast.
11	Caldy Brit.	New Orleans.	do

Vessels Afloat & Chartered for Rio

Vessel	Chartered for
Admiral	Oporto
Asyria	at Lisbon
Urania	Brunswick
Angela	at Cadiz
Indra	at Penaeon
Bonita	at Penaeon
Carl Huddie	at Penaeon
Cambridge Queen	at Penaeon
C. Paulsen	at Penaeon
Conductor	at Penaeon
Carvea (str)	at Penaeon
Comet Perry (str)	at Penaeon
Crown Prince	at Penaeon
De Bay (str)	at Penaeon
Franklin (str)	at Penaeon
Guldborg	at Penaeon
Good News	at Penaeon
Hannah Blauhard	at Penaeon
Frederic	at Penaeon
Lauder	at Penaeon
Mercer (str)	at Penaeon
Monarch	at Penaeon
Marabout	at Penaeon
Maria Emilia	at Penaeon
Nye City	at Penaeon
Nufeld (str)	at Penaeon
Pullat	at Penaeon

Last Quotations of Stocks and Bonds --- Jan. 18th

Capital	Banks	Per	Last day.
20,000,000\$	Commerciell	200\$	850.00 Jan. 97
20,000,000\$	Commerciell	200\$	850.00 Jan. 97
24,000,000\$	do 2nd series	200\$	3.200 Jan. 97
16,000,000\$	Construct	200\$	2.000 Jan. 97
20,000,000\$	Credito Move	200\$	6.000 Jan. 97
10,000,000\$	Lavoura e Comercio	200\$	5.000 Jan. 97
155,870,400\$	Nacional Brasileiro	200\$	6.000 Jan. 97
20,000,000\$	Repubblica do Brazil	200\$	6.000 Jan. 97
20,000,000\$	do 2nd series	200\$	6.000 Jan. 97
20,000,000\$	Rural e Hypothecario	200\$	4.500 Jan. 97
20,000,000\$	do 2nd series	200\$	4.500 Jan. 97
Capital	Railways	Per	Last day.
40,000,000\$	Bahia & Minas	40\$	—
10,000,000\$	Muzambinho	100\$	—
60,000,000\$	Oeste de Minas	200\$	—
24,000,000\$	do 2nd series	75\$	—
24,000,000\$	S. Paulo-Rio Grande	200\$	—
20,000,000\$	Uniao Sorocabana-Juana	200\$	—
20,000,000\$	do 2nd series	50\$	—
Capital	Transports	Per	Last day.
14,000,000\$	Jardim Botânico	200\$	— Oct. 96
12,000,000\$	S. Christovao	200\$	— July 96
Capital	Mills	Per	Last day.
10,000,000\$	Alliança	200\$	— Aug. 96
6,000,000\$	Brasil Industrial	200\$	— Aug. 96
3,000,000\$	Caribea	200\$	— Jan. 96
6,000,000\$	Combarço Industrial	200\$	— Jan. 96
500,000\$	D. Labele	200\$	— Feb. 96
1,200,000\$	Industria Mineira	200\$	— Mar. 96
1,200,000\$	Manufactura Fluminense	200\$	— Mar. 96
4,000,000\$	Pedropoliana	200\$	— July 96
2,000,000\$	S. Pedro de Alcantara	200\$	— Jan. 97
350,000\$	Santa Luzia	200\$	— Jan. 97

NAME	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNERS
Ing Josephine	870 Dec.	29 Baltimore	Levering & Co.
Ing George Bailey	1385 Jan.	29 New York	John Moore & Co.
Ing M. R. Tower	1857 Jan.	29 New York	V. W. Guimaraes & Co.
Ing George Bailey	1857 Jan.	29 Baltimore	Watson, Ritchie & Co.
Ing George Bailey	1857 Jan.	11 Boston	To order.
Ing George Bailey	1857 Jan.	14 Savannah	Quayle, D. & C.

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro, January 17th, 1897.

NAME	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNERS
Ing Josephine	870 Dec.	29 Baltimore	Levering & Co.
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Ing M. R. Tower	1857 Jan.	29 New York	V. W. Guimaraes & Co.
Ing George Bailey	1857 Jan.	29 Baltimore	Watson, Ritchie & Co.
Ing George Bailey	1857 Jan.	11 Boston	To order.
Ing George Bailey	1857 Jan.	14 Savannah	Quayle, D. & C.
sp Geo. T. Hay	1647 Nov.	22 Mobile	F. P. Passos.
sp Thistle	2192	26 Hull	Walter, H. & Co.
sp Servia	1309	27 London	Geral de C. & I.
bk Cambrin	1251	28 Penaeon	do
bk Katahdin	1145	29 Penaeon	Alvarez, P. & Co.
sp Sierra Morena	1857 Dec.	7 Cardiff	Brazil Coal Co.
sp Anglo American	1857 Dec.	7 Cardiff	Brazil Coal Co.
Ing Suowdrop	119	16 Caspe	L. A. Magalhães.
Ing Clavier	1084	19 Penaeon	To order.
Ing Elwell	450	29 Swansea	Ferraz Sols & C.
sp Lizzie Barrill	1185	31 Quebec	L. A. Magalhães.
Ing Zingari	1114 Jan.	31 Penaeon	V. W. Guimaraes & C.
Ing Kelevade	114	6 Caspe	L. A. Magalhães.
Ing Netherlon	187	6 St. Trienne	Ferraz Sols & C.
schr Mignionette	139	6 St. Trienne	Ferraz Sols & C.
Ing Herm. Becker	363 Oct.	27 Panamangá	To order.
sp Wendebek	1737 Nov.	26 Antwerp	To order.
sp Ruthin	1147	29 Antwerp	Lapierre & Co.
Ing Marie Thau	179 Jan.	2 Halyah	To order.
Ing Fiducia	575 Nov.	21 Marselles	To order.
bk Pr. Arthur	1831 Nov.	25 Cardiff	B. Rodrigues & Co.
bk Odd	1010	5 Chantim	Ferraz Sols & Co.
bk Magilenth	130	7 Penaeon	Geral de C. & I.
Ing Leidi	118	7 Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Pr. Frederick	114	8 Cardiff	Brazil Coal Co.
bk Pr. Regent	124	9 Penaeon	C. Hercher & Co.
bk Roseberg	54	10 Cardiff	B. Rodrigues & Co.
bk Novo Lide	107	25 Penaeon	Ferraz Sols & Co.
bk Victoria	162 Jan.	31 Bahia	To order.
bk Victoria	473	3 Cardiff	B. Rodrigues & Co.
bk Victoria	473	3 Buenos Ayres	G. Gadgion & Co.
bk Margarida	366 Sept.	14 Oporto	Costa Leite & Co.
sp Oceania	1182 Dec.	3 Oporto	Costa Leite & Co.
bk Quilera	334	9 Ilha de Maio	I. A. G. Santos.
bk Marposa	283	11 Oporto	Vençia Pinto & Co.
bk Albatros	772	17 Ilha do Sal	Macedo Jr. & Co.
Ing Brazil	280	18 Oporto	To order.
bk Novo Lide	441	21 Oporto	J. I. Gonçalves
bk Oliveira	259	21 Ilha de Maio	I. A. G. Santos.
bk Propheia	471	24 Valençim	Zenlin, Ramos & Co.
sp Columbus	1722 Nov.	27 Leith	Gas Co.
bk Olago	920 Dec.	30 Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Livingston	491 Jan.	3 Borge	P. P. Passos

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